

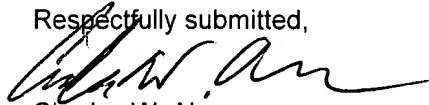
REMARKS

Claims 1 and 4 – 13 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 4 – 13 have been rejected.

In the Office Communication of January 26, 2004, the Examiner noted that the reply filed on October 10, 2003 in the present application was not fully responsive in that it did not address the rejection of independent claim 4. In response, Applicants herewith have amended claim 4 to require that it is a polyurethane reactive hot melt adhesive. The distinctions between the art cited by the Examiner and the present invention the same as set forth in the October 10, 2003 reply.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. If there are any issues that the Examiner wishes to discuss, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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